Move to Prevent the Opening of Yongampho to Trade-Endangers Chance of Agree ment Between Russia and Japan -Cabinet Crisis Likely at Tokio

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Tokio, Dec. 9.-Eight Russian warships, including two battleships, have arrived at Chamulpo, the port of Seoul, the capital of Cores The Russian Admiral commanding the squadron has entertained a number of Corean officials on board his flagship.

The incident is the cause of lively excitement in Tokio, where the visit of the squadron is construed as being for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear upon Corea not to open the port of Yongampho. It is rumored that the Russian Admiral threatens to land 3.000 men and march to Seoul if Russia's warning against the opening of Yongampho is not heeded.

LONDON, Dec. 9 .- The hope is generally expressed here that the report from St. Petersburg that the conference between the Czar and Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, which practically resulted in an agreement to make terms with Japan in the Far East, may be construed as an attempt by Russia to save her face, preliminary to a complete concession of Japan's demands.

The correspondent of THE SUN is authorized to deny unequivocally that Japan has made, or will make, any modification of her demands for a free hand in Corea. Russia's withdrawal of all claims in the peninsula must, therefore, be complete. If the report from St. Petersburg was allowed to be sent as preliminary to such withdrawal, it will be welcomed as a signal of peace and a diplomatic victory for Japan. No news of this happy result has, however,

reached Tokio. Japan's position in regard to Manchuria is the same as that of the other Powers. She will be content to handle that question separately, either alone or in cooperation with Great Britain and the United States, if Russia will definitely abandon all her claims to Corea

LONDON, Dec. 10 .- The morning newspapers in no wise confirm the report that a settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute has been reached. All the despatches from Tokio dealing with the international situation represent it as being unchanged, but the popular tension is increasing with the prolongation of the delay. The correspondents state definitely that Russia's reply to the Japanese proposals has not been received, but that it is expected in a few days.

A despatch to the Telegraph from Nagasaki says that it is learned that the Government, by private representations to the members of the Diet, has succeeded in deferring discussion of the situation, but a large section aim at raising the question and turning out the Cabinet, owing to its delay in the negotiations and the weak ness of its attitude toward Russia. It is probable, however, that Prime

Katsura and Marquis Ito have succeeded in assuring the members that all the necessary steps have been taken to assert Japan's interests in China and Corea. Nevertheless, the Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph intimates that he members of the opposition, who compose the majority in the Diet, are prepared to proceed to extremes if the Russian answer and the Government's attitude toward it are not satisfactory.

Telegraph asserts that additional and very large shipments from England and Europe of many kinds of war material, apart from coal, are due,

Correspondents at St. Petersburg assert that since the Czar's return to the capital the negotiations with Japan have been more active, but no information regarding the negotiations has been communicated to the diplomatists, far less to private ndividuals.

A correspondent making inquiries was informed that the questions at issue had been exhaustively discussed, the standpoint of each party defined, and definite proposals had been submitted and considered. There was no reason for supposing that these would not furnish a basis for a settlement in principle. This colorless assertion represents all that can be reliably obtained

BERLIN, Dec. 9.-The National Zeitung prints a story from its St. Petersburg correspondent which does not impress observers here, to the effect that there are constant telegraphic exchanges between Washington and Tokio, supposedly referring to combined action against Russia. The Zeitung itself doubts its correspondent's information

A despatch to the Times from Tokio says that the Russian squadron at Chemulpo consists of two battleships and two cruisers. M. Pavioff, the Russian Minister, accompanied by the Russian Admiral, has had an audience with the Emperor, and it is believed that the protest against the opening of Yongampho was renewed.

#### BALFE'S SON IN POVERTY. Wants a Barrel Organ to Play His Father's Music in the Streets.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 9.- The son of Balfe, the composer, has made an appeal for assistance. He hopes to secure money enough to buy a barrel organ, on which he can play his father's compositions in the streets.

Cardinal Herrero y Espinosa Dead. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MADRID, Dec. 9.-Cardinal Sebastian Herrero y Espinosa, Archbishop of Valen-

The illness to which Cardinal Herrero succumbed dates from the conclave at Rome for the purpose of choosing a successor to the late Leo XIII., who made him Cardinal. The Cardinal Archbishop became seriously ill at the conclave, and his condition grew so critical that the last his condition grew so critical that the last communion was administered to him. He rallied for a time. He was 81 years

## Alexieff to Stay at Port Arthur.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PEKIN, Dec. 9.—Despatches received here from Port Arthur say that Admiral Alexieff, Russian Viceroy of the Far East has abandoned his proposed visit to St Petersburg. It is understood that the Admiral has taken this action because of the gravity of the relations between Russia

and Japan. Secretary White Sails for Home. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 9 .- Henry White, Secretary of the American Embassy, will sail New York on Saturday on the Cunard line steamship Lucania.

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SQUIERS BACK IN HAVANA. Minister Will Only Stay Three Days and Keep Errand Secret.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Dec. 9 .- Herbert G. Squiers the American Minister, who has been visiting the United States, returned unexpectedly to Havana to-day. He declines to give the reason for his return. He will remain here until Saturday, when he wil start for Washington.

Admiral Barker has cabled to the legation that he has arrived at Guantanamo with the battleships Kearsarge, Alabama Illinois and Massachusetts and the tender Scorpion, and that he will take formal possession of the naval station there.

MINISTER SQUIERS'S RETURN. Hurries Back to Cuba to Get Information Affecting Isle of Pines Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Owing to the illness of Secretary Hay, it is impossible to secure any direct information concerning the unexpected return of Minister Squiers to Havana after a stay of only three days and before coming back to Washington. Minister Squiers obtained from Mr. Hay the instructions under which he is making his quick trip to Cuba, and nobody except Mr. Hay is in a position to speak authoritatively on the subject. From other sources it was learned, however, that additional information was desired by the Cuban committee of the Senate in regard to the pending Isle of Pines treaty and that Mr. Squiers had probably gone to Havana to get it. ness of Secretary Hay, it is impossible to

It was alleged to the Senate committee It was alleged to the Senate committee and the State Department that Mr. Squiers had promised certain Pennsylvanians that if they invested their money in the Isle of Pines he would see that the treaty provided that they should have peculiar rights in the island, participating in its government while still retaining their American citizenship. No such provisions were contained. while still retaining their American citizen-ship. No such provisions were contained in the treaty. Mr. Squiers, it is under-stood, denied that he had made any prom-ises of the character mentioned, and the State. Department headed him with the ises of the character mentioned, with the State Department backed him up with the

State Department backed him up with the statement that it alone was responsible for what the treaty contained.

It is believed by men who have some knowledge of the situation that Mr. Squiers by going directly to Havana will obtain proof of his innocence of any agreement of the character alleged, and that he will be the state of the character alleged. of the character alleged, and that he will also while there outain the views of the Cuban Government as to the status of Americans who hold property and reside in the Isle of Pines. Because of the alleged assurances of Minister Squiers, Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania has "hung up" the treaty in the Senate, it having been reported favorably by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

# NEW HEAD OF MISSIONS.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Elected President of the Presbyterian Board.

At the December meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church the University Place Presbyterian Church, was elected president to succeed the late Rev. Dr. John D. Wells of Brooklyn, who has headed the board for nineteen years. Dr. Alexander, who is one of the directors of Princeton Theological Seminary and has been a member of the board for nearly twenty years, spent last summer in a study.

In the evening the committee of the Presbyterian Assembly met a committee of the National Federation of Churches, of of the National Federation of Churches, of which J. Cleveland Cady of New York is chairman and the Rev. Dr. E. B. Sandford is secretary. Through Dr. W. Hayes Ward, editor of the Independent, the National Federation submitted a proposal for a general convention of the Protestant churches in the United States either in 1905 or 1906, probably to be held in New York. This proposal will be considered at the next meeting of the committee in February.

#### WON'T ATTEND ODELL DINNER. Thirteenth Regiment Officers Don't Feel Like Spending Money Just Now.

Col. David E. Austen of the Thirteenth Regiment, Heavy Artillery, Brooklyn, is opposed to the proposition of Adjutant-General Henry for a reception and dinner to Gov. Odell and the members of the rifle team which won the international trophy.

He said yesterday:
"I do not approve of this proposed affair.
The officers of the Thirteenth Regiment have just been put to heavy expense to get their new dress uniforms. They are con-fronting another outlay of \$50 in the purchase of the new olive drab service uni-forms. Under these circumstances I do not think it fair to ask them to incur an ad-ditional expense of \$10 at this time. "I have written the Adjutant-General a letter citing these facts and informing him that the officers of the Thirteenth Regiment will not participate in the banquet."

## ORIGIN OF CANCER.

#### Dr. Morris Says It Is Never Due to an Extrinsle Cause.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 9 .- Dr. Morris, senior surgeon of the cancer investigation committee of the Middlesex Hospital, lectured to day on the origin of cancer. He made special reference to the organized researches that are being conducted by colleges of physicians and surgeons.

One of the most interesting points made by Dr. Morris was that any reference to cancer due to an extrinsic cause, that is, o any such agency as bacterium, parasite or fungus, must now be definitely excluded.

## X-RAYS KILL.

#### Exposure to Them Injures Internal Organs as Well as the Skin.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LEIPSIC, Dec. 9.-Dr. Heincke has proved by experiments with animals that systematic exposure to X-rays, already known to be harmful to the skin, is also very damaging to the internal organs, especially the spleen and brain, resulting in death after emaciation, fear, languor and pros-

## Czech Socialist Coming Here.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA. Dec. 9.-The Radical Czech Deputy Klofach is going to the United States for the purpose of propagating National Socialist ideas.

## Adolf Hansemann Dead.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ERIIN. Dec. 9 .- Adolf Hansemann, the financier, i cead.

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## B. R. T. STOCK HAS THE JUMPS

TALE OF DEAL WITH NEW AD-MINISTRATION DENIED.

Not So, Say President and Vice-President After It Had Been Stoutly Affirmed Down Near the Stock Exchange -Enormous Dealings on the Risc

After a sensational advance in Brooklyn Rapid Transit shares yesterday a Wall Street news agency made this announce-An understanding has been reached among

the authorities of the new municipal adminis-tration by which Brooklyn Rapid Transit will be given certain desired connection between the bridges in Manhattan borough on a basis acceptable to all concerned President Edwin W. Winter of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, when asked about this last night, said:

"I deny absolutely the report that th Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has any understanding with the incoming city administration by which it will be permitted to construct lines through Delancey street and the Bowery from the Williamsburg Bridge to the Brooklyn Bridge. I also deny that it has any other understanding with the incoming administration."

"Will the Brooklyn Rapid Transit try to construct lines between the two bridges?" was asked. "I don't care to talk about that," said Mr.

J. N. Calderwood, first vice-president and general manager of the Brooklyn Rapid

Transit, also denied the report. "It is absolutely false," he said. "The road has received no such assurance from anybody." In Wall Street in the afternoon promi-

nent men in Brooklyn Rapid Transit backed up the report very stoutly. They said that they looked for the granting of valuable privileges to their company, which would permit important connections being made on this side of the river between the new Williamsburg Bridge and the old Brooklyn Bridge.

What was said as to the character of these privileges was that the company expects to be permitted to carry its cars, along Delancey street to the Bowery and thence along the Bowery and Park row to the Brooklyn Bridge. If this were done, of course, a great loop would be provided for the cars of the Brooklyn Rapid Fransit system, so that there might be a continuous procession of these cars both ways if there was no jamming in Park row. It could not be learned yesterday just what were the detailed plans for this loop, if they had been devised. It is evident that such a scheme might be carried out on the basis of a traffic understanding with the Metropolitan Street Railway and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, so that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit cars—surface and elevated—could be run over the Metro-politan and Manhattan tracks provided they were adapted for it.

The following statem

The following statement, which was sent out by one of the Wall Street news agencies, was admitted by a director of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to be

correct:

Directors of Brooklyn Rapid Transit have under consideration plans for unifying the cars of the system and conforming the type of elevated car to that of the Manhattan Elevated, and the surface car to that of the Metropolitan system The Brooklyn Rapid Transit has two hundred miles of overhead trolley

ines. The Metropolitan, of course, uses

Other Japanese advices indicate that the Government is prepared to exercise its right to dissolve the Lower House if the opposition threatens to embarrass the negotiations or upset the policy adopted. There is no suggestion of the Government weakening in the matter.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the Telegraph assarts that additional and very the same of the board for nearly twenty years, spent last summer in a study of mission conditions in Brazil, visiting the stations of the Presbyterian Church and attending the triennial session of the Intennial session of the Intennial session of the Metropolitan should run its cars down Delancey street to the bridge for the trime being a few days ago, it was tentatively agreed that the Metropolitan should run its cars down Delancey street to the bridge for the traffic which the Brooklyn system was to carry only to the New York end of the bridge. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit was not to run up Delancey street. There was no the churches. I have heard of no later agreement, and The reported agreement is with officials be; not officials now in. Municipal onsent in this case, it was said yesterday, and discovered the control of the case of to be; not officials now in. Municipal consent in this case, it was said yesterday, would involve the consent of the new Mayor, the new Board of Aldermen, the new Board of Estimate, the new Bridge Commissioner, and possibly the Rapid Transit Commis-

The Rapid Transit Commission has practically decided to connect the two bridges by a tunnel. After the conference last week of President Vreeland of the Metropolitan and Bridge Commissioner Linden-thal with President Winter of the B. R. T., it was announced that Mr. Winter had given up the idea of running even to the Bowery the cars from over the bridge, but that he was willing to run them to this end of the bridge if the company could get the fran-chise for a nominal consideration, ex-pecting it to be a temporary franchise; while on its side the Metropolitan would

run cars from its trunk lines east to the bridge entrance.

The Rapid Transit Commission has virtually decided to grant a franchise to the Schmidt-Gallatin syndicate for the con-Schmidt-Gallatin syndicate for the con-struction of a moving platform from the Brooklyn end of the bridge and by tunnel to the Battery, provided the commission has jurisdiction or can acquire jurisdiction by an amendatory act of the Legislature. by an amendatory act of the Legislature.

B. R. T. stock touched 52½ yesterday and about 180,000 shares were dealt in. The stock closed below 40 eight days ago. On Friday of last week it jumped on a story that a bid had been made by interests connected with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for the two largest holdings of B. R. T. stock. According to the story, as told at that time, the lots bid for were "125,000 shares pooled with E. H. Harriman by A. R. Flower, H. H. Porter, A. N. Brady and others, and 60,000 shares controlled by the Whitney-Ryan party."

Frederick S. Flower of Flower & Co. Frederick S. Flower of Flower & Co., said that the story had at least some basis in the fact that a broker had come to the firm and made a bid for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit stok that Flower & Co. represented, and that this broker had proved he had money behind him. The bid was above last Friday's market figures, Mr. Flower

asid, but it had not been accepted.

The statement was made in Wall Street yesterday that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company had lately received several bids for round blocks of its bonds, but that it had declined to sell any bonds at present prices, its earnings having increased to such an extent—more than \$600,000 in five months—that it has no immediate use for months—that it has no intribute use for other funds. The company, it was re-ported, has had offered to it on short time loans of all the money needed beyond its earnings for the present financing of equip-ment contracts. The last block of its 4 ment contracts. The last block of its 4 per cent, bonds was sold to a syndicate at 85, and the company now declines to sell

any lower price. A whole bunch of rumors again circulated in Wall Street yesterday to the effect that there was to be a general combination of all the local traction companies. tion of all the local traction companies, but these rumors were met with very defi-The annual meeting of the Metropolitan

Securities Company was held yesterday, and the stockholders reelected the retiring directors. The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company does not take place until Feb. 21.

Realty Present From Bishop's Wife. By a deed put on record in the Register's ffice yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Potter, str et station, Brooklyn, who yesterday

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NEW VIEWS IN LIFE STUDY.

Duty of Making Others Unhappy and Other Matters-At a Woman's Luncheon.

That the Society of the Study of Life nows something about living was shown by the menu at their annual luncheon in Tuxedo Hall yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Almon Hensley, president of the society, presided. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Hensley admitted: "We don't expect to solve any of the great social problems." Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, the first speaker, treated "The Affirmative Aspect."

She made this admission: I consider it my religious duty to make people actively unhappy for the ills of the world; to make those people who are espe-cially comfortable uncomfortable; to make

cially comfortable uncomfortable; to make satisfied people discontented. I want to give everybody something to be dissatisfied about. We should be on a constant warpath against public corruption.

Mrs. Spencer also déclared that "we have reached a point in political corruption where every honest woman has got to stop doing the things she wants to do and fight."

and fight."

The Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage, who was to follow Mrs. Spencer, nodded his approval. Dr. Savage spoke of the "Standard of Among other things he said: There isn't such a thing as a standard of ethics. Ethics is a matter of whim; ethics is a matter of whim; ethics is a matter of tradition. Some people think it's all right-to go driving on Sunday and they wouldn't go out sailing for the world. The Mohammedan has several wives if he can get them and support them, but he wouldn't do the things that New York men do, on the penalty of his life. We haven't discovered the standard of ethics.

He raid a tribute to Harbart Spancer. He paid a tribute to Herbert Spencer and declared that the world is only civilized

in small spots.

Mrs. Edwin Markham spoke of the "Open Mind," and said that most college men had closed minds, with "little standards in ethics; little standards in science, little standards in love, little standards in all sorts of things." She said that the religious mind was the most closed of all. She was

mind was the most closed of all. She was loudly applauded for this.

Ernest F. Loomis, who was to talk on the "Social Side of Marriage," began by saying that he knew "nothing about the subject as it is usually understood." He called his address a sermon and hoped that the ladies, married and unmarried, would profit by it.

#### MRS. DELANO LEFT \$6,000,000. Million to the De Steuerses and the Rest to the Chanlers.

The official appraisal of the estate of Mrs. Laura Astor Delano, the daughter of William B. Astor, who died at Geneva, Switzerland, on June 15, 1902, shows that she left more than \$6,000,000. Her personal property in this State was \$661,073, while her real estate holdings were valued at \$3,562,800. Outside this State she owned property valued at \$1,846,218, including \$890,000 in mortgage bonds, \$146,015 in railroad bonds, \$239,827 on deposit in Paris banks, British consols worth \$129,398 and 3,065 shares of the Mor-ris and Essex Railroad Company. Mrs. Delano was the widow of Franklin A. Delano. She lived mainly at Monte Carlo. She left one-sixth of her estate to J. H. de Steuers and Margaret and Hubert de Steuers, children of her niece, Margaret L. de Steuers. The remaining five-sixths are to be held in trust for the children of another niece, Margaret A. Chanler. The and William Astor Chanler.

#### FOR NEW FIRE CHIEF. Examination on Dec. 21-Close Fit at the

End of the Year. The Civil Service Commission decided vesterday to hold on Dec. 21 an examinaion for promotion to Chief of the Fire Department. Commissioner Sturgis desires to have it held immediately and to have it open only to deputies who have held their appointments for six months, as the civil service rule provides. The Civil Service Commissioners, who wanted Mr. Sturgis to leave the promotion to the next administration, have decided to ask the Corporation Counsel if it is in their power to open the examination to the three deputies who have been promoted within the last six months and to the battalion chiefs. In the meantime the date of the examinaon will be advertised and it is expected hat Mr. Sturgis will get his eligible list in

#### MRS. GRANBERY DEAD AT 96. Husband, to Whom She Had Been Married

75 Years, Survives. Prudence Granbery, the wife of Henry A. T. Granbery of 14° Fast Forty-seventh street, died on Tuesday at her home in her ninety-sixth year. Mrs. Granbery, who was Miss Prudence Minno, was born at Norfolk, Va., the native place of Mr. at Nortolk, Va., the harve place of Mr. Granbery, and was married to him on Oct. 19, 1828. They celebrated their diamond wedding last October.

In 1841 they moved to Brocklyn. Mr. Granbery had been a planter, and when he came here he engaged in the tobacco business. In 1855 they moved to New York. Mrs. Granbery was one of the oldest mem bers of the First Reformed Episcopal Church at Madison avenue and Fifty-fifth street. Bishop W. T. Sabine will officiate at her

funeral.

Mr. Granbery, whose age is almost the same as his wife, and six sons and three daughters survive.

## Obituary Notes.

Distury Notes.

Lieut, Frank R. Turnbull, U. S. N., retired, died in his home in Normandie Heights yesterday of pneumonia, in the sixtieth year of his age. He was born in Washington. When 20 years old he was appointed a cadet at Annapolis, from which he graduated and served for a time in the navy. He came to Morristown after his retirement and engaged in the real estate business. At the time of the Spanish-American War he offered his services to the Government and was stationed at the Brooklyn navy yard. He is survived by three daughters and a son, who is a cadet at Annapolis. He was a member of the Washington Association of New Jersey, Morris County Golf Club, Morristown Club, and a director of the First National Bank of Morristown.

Morristown.

The Rev. Dr. James Henry Tuttle, a Unitarian minister, who after a service of twenty-five years as pastor of the Church of the Redectaer in Minneapolis had retired, died yesterday at the home of his son, Dr. George Montgomery Tuttle, at 33 West Fifty-second street. Dr. Tuttle was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., and had been pastor of churches at Rochester and Chicago. at Mochester and Unicago.

Zibiah Nelson Partridge, widow of Joseph
Lyman Partridge, and mother of Col. John
M. Partridge, former Police Commissioner,
died yesterday morning, in her home, at 125
Montague street, in her eighty-sixth year.

Capt. Campbell to Retire.

Capt. James Campbell of the Amity office yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Potter, the wife of Bishop Potter, presents two lots on the east side of Columbus avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, to her son, Stephen C. Clark. This is one of the few vacant building sites remaining in the avenue.

street station, Brooklyn, who yesterday completed forty years of continuous service on the police force, has applied for retirement on half pay. He has been captain for thirty years, and served three or four years as acting inspector. Not a single charge has ever been made against him. JOBS ON THE CANAL.

Plenty of Engineer Candidates-Maybe

That Was Greene's Errand. Police Commissioner Greene's visit to lov. Odell yesterday was not regarded in New York as having a direct political relation, since Gen. Greene will retire as head of the Police Department on Jan. 1. The Governor said a few days ago that he intended to name before the Legislahe intended to name before the Legisla-ture meets the five expert engineers for an advisory board for the construction of the \$101,000,000 canal. Gen. Greene, it is understood, is to get one of the places. He was chairman of the Roosevelt com-mittee which conceived the barge canal project.

mittee which conceived the barge canal project.

Major Thomas W. Symons, U. S. A., has been indorsed to the Governor for appointment on the board by the Buffalo interests which supported the canal referendum. City Engineer Charles M. Morse of Buffalo is backed for one of the appointments by William C. Warren, who is Gov. Odell's candidate for member of the Republican national committee. George W. Aldridge got a member of the Court of Claims a couple of weeks ago and has served notice that he wants Justice William E. Werner of Rochester nominated for Judge of the Court of Appeals next year. This has not prevented him from bringing out a candidate for the canal engineering board in the person of George W. Rafter, a well known engineer, who has a reputation in such work, but who W. Rafter, a well known engineer, who has a reputation in such work, but who opposed the bargeway plan, favoring in-It is recalled that the Governor partly romised to appoint two Democrats among

Senator Elsberg got back last night from his talk with the Governor, but would say nothing.

#### FALSE ALARM IN BROOKLYN. neenfirmed Rumor That Gdell Had Come Down to Depose Mr. Woodruff.

A rumor got started in [Brooklyn somehow yesterday afternoon that Gov. Odell had hurried down from Albany to depose Timothy L. Woodruff from the leadership of the Republican organization in Kings county and was at the Elks' clubhouse in Schermerhorn street in confab with ex-Senator Jacob Worth, whom Mr. Woodruff Senator Jacob Worth, whom Mr. Woodfulf dethroned six years ago: ex-Sheriff William J. Buttling, an implaceable political foe of the ex-Lieutenant-Governor, and some of the Assembly district leaders.

The story was that the Governor was so mad because Mr. Woodfulf had Jacob Beautra celested chairs and the control of the The story was that the Governor was so mad because Mr. Woodruff had Jacob Brenner reelected chairman of the county committee on Tuesday night in opposition to his wishes, that he had started in to demolish Mr. Woodruff's political props and install a new leader. It was also stated that Lou Payn had accompanied the Governor on his hostile mission to Brooklyn. It turned out that the rumors were unfounded and the story a fake. Ex-Sheriff Buttling said last night:

"There was no political conference of any kind, so far as I know, at the Elks' Club to-day. If either Gov. Odell or Lou Payn was there I have no knowledge of the fact.

"Ex-Senator Worth called to see me on a business matter and Adam Leich, Congressman Hanbury, George A. Owens and other well-known Republicans, who are members of the club, and happened to be at lunch, exchanged friendly greetings with Mr. Worth. There is no dissension over politics, local, State or national."

Has an Hour's Talk With Gov. Odell-Gen. F. V. Greene Lunches With the Governor. ALBANY, Dec. 9.-Senator Nathaniel A. Elsberg of New York city reached Albany at noon to-day and went at once to the Executive Chamber, where he had about an hour's talk with the Governor. Among the things discussed was the filling of the vacancy at the head of the New York County vacancy at the head of the New York County Republican Committee caused by the resig-nation of M. Linn Bruce. Mr. Elsberg refused to say whether he would take the place or to discuss politics, saying he had not yet familiarized himself with the political situation. Police Commissioner Francis V. Greene

with Gov. Odell to-day. had a long talk.

## POLITICAL LEADER ARRESTED. Eugene Amell of Brooklyn Accused of Tak-

ing Money to Get a Man a Postal Job. Magistrate O'Reilly in the Ewen street police court, Williamsburg, yesterday held Eugene Ameli, formerly the Republican leader of the Fourteenth Assembly district. John Cooney of 105 Monitor street alleged that he paid Ameli \$100 to get him a clerkship in the Post Office. Cooney's name was on the eligible list but he was told by friends that political

influence was necessary. He says Ameli promised to have him appointed for \$100 and he paid the money on May 19, but never money.

Ameli said that he was a victim of politi-

# Another Mulqueen-Rush Count.

The ballot boxes used at the Democratic primary in the Eleventh and Twentysecond election districts of the Twentysecond election districts of the Twenty-ninth Assembly district are to be opened for a recount in the Supreme Court to-day by order of Justice Leventritt, who yes-terday granted the application to that effect of Thomas E. Rush, who was beaten by J. F. Mulqueen by a few votes.

#### JEFFRIES'S ARM SHRINKS. The Right One Smaller and the Othe

Crooked-But Jim Is Thriving. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 9 .- Jim Jeffries aid a visit to Dr. D. A. Sargent at the Hemenway Gymnasium at Harvard this afternoon or an examination. It was Dr. Sargent's opinion after to-day's examination that leffries has a career of ten more years in the ring and that the big pugilist is a remarkable

ring and that the big pugilist is a remarkable man.

The champion's measurements were compared with those taken three years ago by Dr. Sargent, and he noted two peculiarities. In the first place Jeffries's right arm has decreased in measurement from 16.5 inches to 15.9 inches, while his left arm has grown into a crooked position, and it is impossible to straighten it out. In spite of the decrease in Jeffries's right arm, its punching ability has increased instead of diminished.

The cause for the second change is given as the result of the knitting together of the tissues about the elbow, due to the fact that Jeffries always leads with that arm. The curve enables him to get a better drive.

Dr. Sargent was impressed with the general preservation of Jeffries's body, in spite of all the hard work he has done. The chief trouble with the champion is that he is increasing steadily in weight. Three years ago he weighed 228 pounds, and since he has gone up to 247. Herein, Dr. Sargent asserts, lies his greatest danger.

His height remains the same, 6 feet 15 inch and his chest measurement, 44.9 inches, is also the same as three years ago. His chest expanded, however, shows a good gain, measuring now 48.4 inches, as against 46.9 inches three years ago. His chest expanded, however, shows a good gain, measuring now 48.4 inches, as against 46.9 inches three years ago. His left arm measures 16.5 inches, which is practically the same

WARREN STREET'S BAD PLIGHT

PART OF IT CLOSEDIBY CONTRACT-ORS SINCE NOV. 20.

And There Are No Signs of Its Being Restored to Business Uses-Merchants Making Life Wretched for the Hon-Jake Cantor, Who Signed the Contract

The merchants doing business in Warren street, on the block between Greenwich street and West Broadway, are, to a man, against experiments in street paving To a man, they are also anxious to say a few burning words to the Hon. Jake Cantor, President of Manhattan Borough. Occa sionally one of them tries to communicate his feelings to Mr. Cantor, and the result is that telephone calls from Warren street are hardly welcomed in the Borough President's office

It all comes from being obliging in poliics. Mr. Cantor suggested to the Board of Estimate, last October, that the city might ry one of the numerous brands of wood pavement whose merits interested contractors were strenuous in urging upon him The city has already tried wood pavements in two places uptown, and both have been rank failures. But new notions in paving are always turning up, so the board agreed to try again.

Three streets in which traffic was respecively heavy, medium and light were seected for the experiment. Warren street between Broadway and Greenwich street which takes most of the heavy trucks bound for the Barclay street ferry and the Fall River Line pier, was selected to be operated on first. A contract to put down a wooden block pavement at a cost of \$17,793 was let to the United States Wood Preserving Company, and the work was begun.

By its contract the company has to complete the job in sixty working days, and to do the work a block at a time. It began by closing Warren street between Greenwich street and West Broadway. That was on Nov. 20. The street is still closed, and their is no sign yet of its being opened again for a while. The two other blocks are still to undergo the change. Now, the lower end of Warren street con-

tains the warehouses of some of the largest produce commission merchants in the trade. They handle thousands of cases of goods daily, and shutting off the roadway for an indefinite period was a serious matter to them. They didn't mind suffering a little inconvenience on the city's behalf but when week after week passed with the work making no perceptible progress they began to protest. First a large gang of laborers dug out

all the paving stones. Then they took out the curbing. Then new curbing was brought. The new curbing didn't fit, or something, so a few workmen sat down daily and at their leisure began to chip the heavy curbstones on the sidewalk into place. Folks bound for the ferry walked down there amid a shower of stone chips, and they didn't like it. The superuous curbstones cumbered the sidewalks and progress there was on the hop, skip and jump order. Sometimes there were days when there were no workmen in sight. The usual gang employed consisted of about a dozen men. There was room for a hundred

One merchant wrote to the Mayor:
"This entire block has been torn up and business is practically shut off excepting what we can do with hand trucks. At what we can do with hand trucks. At present there is not a single person working on the block, and we are informed by the representative of the contract or that it is caused by the Department of Public Works. I trust some immediate attention will be given to the matter."

A reply came from Mr. Cantor. "I remedied the difficulty complained of as soon as my attention was called to it," the Hon. Jake wrote. That read so reassuringly that the merchants have been surprised to find the work going on at the same old pace.

w. D. Whitmore of W. D. Whitmore & Co., butter merchants, of 89 Warren street

said yesterday:
"We don't object to having the work done. What we complain of is that it isn't being done at the speed that the most indifferent business man would insist on. If proper diligence had been used this block could have been finished a week ago at least, and all the inconvenience and extra expense we are being put to would

"Last Saturday was only a half day with my firm, yet we had to move 1,400 heavy boxes by hand truck down the sidewalk to the corner of the street before we could "Complaints are useless. Kick to the contractor, and he tells you it's the Depart-ment of Public Works that delays him.

the contractor. And there you are. The trouble seems to be that since half the town was torn up for the subway a new fashion in public work has come in. It's keep the streets open as long as you like, and hang the public." A story was in circulation that the mer-chants of upper Warren street, headed by the china importing firm of L. Straus & Sons, after watching the way the work was being done further down the street were preparing to get out an injunction

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to prevent the contractor from tearing up their part of the highway. Mr. Straus, the head of that firm, said that this was "But," said he, "there is every cause to restrain these people. Their object in carrying out this work seems to be to emparrass business interests as much as possible instead of as little as possible.

"Why is it necessary to close a whole block at all? It seems to me that the pave-

ment could be laid in 50 or 100 foot sections ment could be laid in 50 or 100 foot sections. In that way half the present inconvenience and loss would be avoided."

Commissioner Livingston of the Department of Public Works said that the contract having been let his department couldn't do anything to help the merchants.

It was all in the contractor's hands so long as he finished the job in sixty working days, and as the contract had been so framed that he needn't work when the weather wasn't suitable for asphalt laying, and the contractor was the judge of what weather was suitable, he had things pretty much

his own way.

Mr. Livingston declined to criticise whatever high official passed such a contract. The Hon. Jake Cantor signed it.

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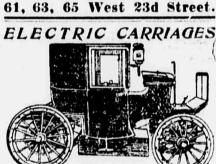
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# ENTERTAIN SECY SHAW.

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